MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

"In sub-clause (1) of clause 1, *for* the figures '1964', *substitute* the figures '1965'."

"In the enacting formula, *for* the words 'Fifteenth Year', *substitute* the words 'Sixteenth Year'."

The amendments were put and carried.

Clause 1, as amended, the Enacting Formula, as amended, and the long title were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Forest (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 39 of 1964), as amended, be passed."

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

"That the Madras Forest (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 39 of 1964), as amended, be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill, as amended, was passed.

(2) THE INDIAN PARTNERSHIP (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965 (L.A. BILL NO. 27 OF 1965).

4-40 p.m.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

"That the Indian Partnership (Madras Amendment) Bill,[a] 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1965), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration."

Sub-section (3) of section 58 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 (Central Act IX of 1932) prohibits the use of words "Crown", "Emperor", "Empress", "Empire", "Imperial", "King", "Queen", "Royal" or words expressing or implying the sanction, approval or patronage of Government, as the firm name except when the State Government signifies, by order, in writing, its consent to the use of such words as part of the firm name. The words "Crown", "Emperor", etc., have lost their significance since Independence and there is no point in retaining them in the statute book. The Law Commission of India in its Seventh Report *inter alia* recommended the deletion of the above words in sub-section (3) of section 58 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932. The Government of India who were addressed by this Government to amend section 58 (3) of the Act for the above purpose, stated that they did not propose to undertake legislation and hence it was decided by this Government to amend that section in its application to the State of Madras. While examining the question of deleting the words "Crown", "Emperor", etc., occurring in section 58 (3) of the Act, it was considered necessary to provide

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that no firm should be registered by a name which contained the words "Union", "State", "President", "Republic", "Municipal" or "Chartered" except with the previous sanction in writing of the State Government. It was also considered necessary to provide that no firm should be registered by a name which, in the opinion of the State Government, was undesirable. It was accordingly proposed to substitute sub-section (3) of section 58 by new sub-sections (3) and (4).

Sub-section (1) of section 71 of the Act provides that the fees, which shall accompany documents sent to the Registrar of Firms which shall be payable for the inspection of documents in the custody of the Registrar of Firms or for copies from the Registrar of Firms shall not exceed the maximum rate specified in Schedule I. The working of the Act has revealed that the fees levied at the maximum rate specified in the Schedule are not commensurate with the expenditure involved in the administration of the Act. It is, therefore, proposed to suitably enhance the maximum fees specified in the Schedule. It is accordingly proposed to substitute a new Schedule for the existing one.

I request the House, Sir, to accept the motion.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

"That the Indian Partnership (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1965), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2 and 3 were put and carried.

Clause 1, the long title, and the enacting formula were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

"That the Indian Partnership (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1965), as passed by the Assembly, be passed."

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

"That the Indian Partnership (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1965), as passed by the Assembly, be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.